Division Memorandum
No. 535, 2015

PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ENTRANCE AGE OF KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1 PUPILS

To: Division Chiefs (CID & SGOD)
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Heads, Public Elementary and secondary Schools
All Other Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 1 s, 2015 entitled Declaring January 24, 2015 as Commencement of Early Registration for SY 2015-2016 and DepEd Order No. 16 s, 2015 Addendum to DepEd Order No. 1 s, 2015, the following are the provisions regarding the entrance age of Kindergarten and Grade 1 pupils, to wit;

   • KINDERGARTEN
     A. Children who will turn five years old by June 2015 shall be accepted in Kindergarten for School Year (SY) 2015-2016. Those who will turn five years old on or before October 31, 2015 must show proof of completion of Early Childhood Education, such as an attendance in day care / learning centers. Children Education shall also be accepted after the teacher/principal has assessed their readiness to take Kindergarten education using appropriate development tools, such as the Early Childhood and Care Development (ECCD) Checklist; and

     B. The enrolment of children who will be five years old by June 1 of the coming SY shall be strictly implemented by SY 2016-2017.

   • GRADE 1
     A. Kindergarten completers will be accepted in Grade 1. The pupils should be at least six years old by October 2015; and

     B. Children who have completed the Kindergarten Catch-up Program and deemed ready for Grade 1 on the School Readiness Assessment Tool shall also be registered.

2. With these provisions, it aims to strengthen the effort of DepEd in providing a learner-centered education.

3. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.

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